

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Warine Bratcher Nelson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Warine Bratcher Nelson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Warine Nelson was born in Memphis on May 10, 1936, to the Reverend Wiley Bratcher, Sr., and Maggie Bratcher; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, Mrs. Nelson professed a hope in Christ at an early age at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, her accomplishments aside, she was deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Warine Nelson was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Nelson, and her father; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her mother; four daughters, Linda Bates, Melony (Willie) Walker, Ruth (Durrell) Nelson, and Daisy Lee; one son, Ronald (Kesha) Nelson; and thirteen grandchildren, Miracle Brown, Thaddeus Brown, Jesica Nelson, Jasmine Nelson, Ashley Basquez, Laneisha Matthews, Gwendolyn Basquez, Jerica Nelson, Tamia Walker, Twon Walker, Andre Walker, Shantika Walker, and Delicia Moton; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelson is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Alysa Moton, TayShun Walker, and DeAndre Walker; five sisters, Billye-Jean (Wilson) Bailey, Diane Bratcher, Elizabeth Bratcher, Juanita Bratcher, and Maggie Bratcher, Jr.; eight brothers, Wiley Bratcher, Jr., Bob (Edna) Bratcher, Willie Bratcher, William (Marie) Bratcher, Stevenson (Felicia) Bratcher,

Dennis Bratcher, Nikin Bratcher, and Perry Bratcher; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Warine Nelson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Warine Bratcher Nelson, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Nelson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.